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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse,  
Group I, Claims 1-10, drawn to an isolated polynucleotide, vector, and host cell.

REMARKS

- Group I: Claims 1-10, drawn to an isolated polynucleotide, vector, and host cell;
- Group II: Claims 11-21, drawn to a process for the fermentative preparation of L-amino acids;
- Group III: Claims 22-34, drawn to a process for producing L-methionine-containing animal feedstuffs additive;
- Group IV: Claims 35 and 36, drawn to an animal feedstuffs additive; and
- Group V: Claims 41 and 43, drawn to a method for detecting a nucleic acid using hybridization probes or primer.

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